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Bolshevist activities expected in S'hai; also arrival of various Russians from Vladivostok, Japan, etc.

Names mentioned:

Semeshko

Hodcroft

Klasing wife

Mironsky

Dr. Bergin

F. Gurtovay

Recklin, the seller

Richterman.

Col SS Tolstoy

A. F. Agareff

J. P. Tarassoff

D. P. Panteloeff

J. Kaufman

J. R. Gwerson

James E. Ivanotcheff - Tolinson's wife.

CONFIDENTIAL
Memorandum.

C. I. D.
I. O. REC.

No. 2674
Date 1. 6. 21

FROM THE POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
Central STATION.

To D. G. I.

Shanghai, May 31 19 21

Director of Criminal Intelligence

Sir,

James E. Tobinson referred to in attached
cutting from the "China Press" of May 29, 1921
is James E. Kra^{schell}~~not~~ Tobinson who formerly
lived at 1 Young Allen Terrace and who was under
Police surveillance in 1919.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Lawton

D. S. I.

FORMER SHANGHAI MAN AND HIS WIFE ATTACKED BY MOB

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robinson
Set Upon in
Potsdam

Many Shanghai people will read with interest of an incident which befell a former local resident. Mr. J. E. Robinson, previously with Thomas W. Simmons & Co. here, and his wife while they were passing through Berlin. While watching the funeral procession of the late Kaiserin in Potsdam, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were set upon by a mob which pelted them with stones and umbrellas. "French people" they had made remarks derogatory to the late Empress.

Mr. Robinson, who left China some months ago, was until about a year ago an engineer in the Thomas W. Simmons & Co. offices here and was well known to many Shanghai residents. He and Mrs. Robinson were married about five months ago and were traveling to the United States by way of Europe.

Mr. Robinson was born in Russia and went to America with an elder brother some 25 years ago, locating in Chicago. The brother took up an attainable profession in the profession, while Mr. Robinson studied engineering. After the last revolution in Russia the brother returned to that country, joining the Bolshevik faction and became prominent in its activities. A short time ago he rose to one of the leading positions in the Far Eastern government.

The following account of the attack on the Robinsons in Potsdam is an Associated Press despatch to the New York Times, dated at Berlin April 20:

James E. Robinson and his wife, residents of Chicago, were attacked by a crowd of German men, women and children Tuesday as they sat on the terrace of Sans Souci Park, following the funeral of former Empress Augusta Victoria.

The Americans were rescued by a security policeman and two German civilians, who locked arms and surrounded them, accepting a pelt of sticks, stones and umbrellas in defense of the couple until they were able to escort them to the police station in Potsdam. Here a patrol of extra policemen was summoned and dispersed the crowd.

During the attack the policemen and the two German civilians were unable to quiet the crowd, members of which were shouting, "Foreigners! French people!" Nor could their strict shield the Americans.

Mr. Robinson was beaten about the head and shoulders and his nose received a twisted nose. Also his hat was torn from her head. Her back was pelted and she was struck on her arms and body by umbrellas.

Potsdam Police Headquarters in its report concerning the case said: "The Americans were not to blame and they desire that there be no further mention of the affair."

"The mob," said Mr. Robinson, "was incited by an old woman who thought we were French. The crowd attacked us and chased us from Sans Souci Park to Potsdam. It is my opinion that we would have been killed except for one policeman and two German civilians. The police, however, did all that was possible. I cannot complain of their conduct and desire to make no representations to the German Government."

Mrs. Robinson, who is a graduate of a college in Valparaiso, Ind., which her husband, a civil engineer, also attended, said:

"We were sitting on the terrace in Sans Souci Park speaking English. There were three women sitting in the same seat. The one nearest us turned to her companions and declared we were French. They began abusing foreigners. I could not understand what they said, but I realized that the women were very angry."

"A crowd gathered. Among them was a number of children. I saw the old woman who had spoken in French words derogatory to the former Empress. Neither of us understood French. One of the old woman's companions tried to explain that we had not spoken at all about the dead former Empress but that we were discussing the beauty of the park and regretting that we had no films for our camera."

"The crowd, however, drew nearer, shouting that we were French, and the children began to throw stones. I was so frightened I thought I was choking. The crowd struck my husband with canes and umbrellas. He tried to protect me as we ran, and then two civilians and the policeman came to our aid. There were several hundred persons following us before we reached the police station."

Mr. Robinson, who said he resided at 2748 West Washburn Avenue, Chicago, when questioned at the police station, declared he and his wife were born in Russia.

Mrs. Robinson, he asserted, is the daughter of American parents, but that he is a naturalized citizen. He said he could speak neither Russian nor French. He has been in China for Thomas W. Simmons & Co., but now is in business for himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have been married for five months. They have visited China, Japan and Italy, and Mr. Robinson also has made a trip to Siberia.

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Extract from Russian translations submitted
on December 29, 1920.

"Russian Echo" 26-12-20.

Yourin Mission.

Vladivostock (J. C. B.) - The mission of the Soviet Government in China consists of the following :
Yourin, head of Diplomatic Bureau ; Germanovitch,
Kassanin, Klassing and Ivanoff, members of Diplomatic Bureau ; Captain Liaschenko, head of Military Bureau ; Takusheff, head of Trade Bureau ; Hodoroff, head of Information Bureau ; Agents, Polevoi in Tientsin ; Popoff, head of special propaganda Bureau, and Hodoroff in Shanghai ; Gromoff, Popoff's agent, Nicolai and the latter's assistant in Mongolia.

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CENTRAL POLICE

Station.

April 12th 1920.

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REPORT ON Mr. Hodoroff.

Made by

D. S. I. Sullivan

Forwarded by

Chief Detective Officer.

Sir,

Mr. Hodoroff, who is said to be a lawyer by profession, first came to Shanghai on the S. S. "Perza" on April 9th 1919, along with Semeshko, Klassing and Col. Tolstoff.

He and Col. Tolstoff stayed at 25A North Szechuen Road, where they were frequently visited by Agarioff, a former Mayor of Vladivostock.

There was information that Hodoroff and Semeshko when they first came to Shanghai brought with them several millions of Russian money but confirmation of the report could not be obtained.

After some time Hodoroff went to Tientsin where he is said to have been either employed by Zimmerman & Co., or to have stayed with an employee of that firm.

He returned to Shanghai on the 4th instant and stayed with Mr. Haas at 12 Quinsan Gardens until the 11th instant when he left Shanghai by the 7.55 a.m. train for Tientsin.

He did not receive any visitors at Mr. Haas' house, but he was out most of the time.

Hodoroff is said to have been appointed Procurator (a post equivalent to that of Crown Advocate in the British Court) to the Court at Vladivostock, but owing to recent events in that port he has delayed going there.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Sullivan.
D. S. I.

C. D. O.

Feb. 3, 1920.

The Secretary,
S.M.C.

With reference to the letter dated January 31
from certain Russians asking for permission to
hold a meeting open to the general public, I forward
herewith copies of correspondence between myself
and the Consul-General for Russia. I agree with him
that permission for this meeting should be refused.

C. M. B.
for Commissioner of Police.

C. I. D.
I. O. REG
No. 2674
Date 2/2/20

Private.

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2nd February 1920.

Dear Captain Barrett,

I personally consider the present moment most inopportune for holding political meetings in the Foreign Settlement which is hardly a suitable arena for politicians without distinction of parties. As Mr. Agareff and others have applied to the Police for permission, I would suggest that the Police declines to issue the permit ~~without~~ without stating any special reason.

If you, however, deem it necessary, could you perhaps advise the petitioners to apply to me as their application has no doubt a political aspect. I will in that case refer the matter to my Minister who I believe will share my views.

Yours sincerely

V. Grosse (signed)

Captain E. I. M. Barrett,

Consul General for Russia.

Acting Commissioner of Police.

C. I. D.
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February 2, 1920.

The Consul-General for Russia,
Shanghai.

Dear Mr. Grosse,

With reference to the attached copy
of application, I should be much obliged if you would
kindly give me your opinion as to the advisability, or
otherwise, of the proposed meeting being held.

Yours sincerely,

C.M.B. (signed)

for acting Commissioner of Police.

C. I. D.
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Shanghai, January 31, 1920.

Shanghai Municipal Council,
N.O.Liddel, Esq., Secretary,
Shanghai.

Sir,

We the undersigned beg to apply to the Council to grant us a permit to hold a Russian Meeting open to the general public in order to discuss the question of:

Japanese Intervention in Siberia

The following gentlemen will address the meeting:

A.F.AGAREFF, -Formerly Lord-mayor of Vladivostock.

I.P.TARASSOFF, -Manager of the Shanghai Office of Union of Siberian Cooperative Unions "Zakoopshit"

Colonel S.S.TOLSTOFF, -Formerly military Commander in Chief of the Maritime Province.

D.P.PANTELEEFF, -Editor of the Vladivostock daily newspaper "Dalekaya Okraina" and Member of the Council of Zemstvo Unions.

and other Russians as well as foreigners who may apply to the chair.

As to the place and date of the Meeting we shall inform you on Tuesday. We expect an audience of about 150-200 people.

Hoping to receive the permit at your earliest convenience.

We remain, Sir,

Your obediently.

T.R.Evseroff

A.T.Agaroff

I.P.Tarassoff

Colonel S.S.Tolstoff

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I.Kaufman

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I. O. REG
NO. 2674
Date: 11-10-19

October 3,

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The Consul-General for Russia,
Shanghai.

Sir,

Confidential.

With reference to your letter No. 202 of
September 25, I have the honour to forward herewith
copy of a police report giving particulars of
Tobinson's movements. The watch on this man has
now been withdrawn.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Commissioner of Police.

enc.



Copy.

Headquarters,
Central Police Station.

Oct. 6, 1919.

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Watch on James E.A. Tobinon.

James E. Kraenotchokoff - Tobinon (No. 1 Young Allen Terrace) has been kept under close surveillance since September 22, 1919. He works for Thomas F. Simons & Co., Inc., No. 10 The Bund, and attends there daily during office hours. Since the watch started, he has visited the following places:-

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Time & Duration of Visits.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
18 Whangpoo Road American Post Office.	5-30 to 5-40 p.m. Sep. 30.	Tobinson rents box No. 695.
	5-50 to 6-55 p.m. Oct. 1	
	7-20 to 8-30 p.m. Oct. 1	
	8 to 8-30 p.m. Oct. 1	
	12-40 to 12-50 p.m. Oct. 2	Accompanied by his wife.
	6.06 to 6-10 p.m. Oct. 2	
	7.09 to 7.15 p.m. Oct. 2	
	12-45 to 12-55 p.m. Oct. 2	
Public Gardens	6-20 to 6-25 p.m. Oct. 4	Accompanied by his wife on both occasions.
	8-50 to 10-50 p.m. Oct. 1	
	9-20 to 10-30 p.m. Oct. 1	
Qu'nsan Gardens	2-25 to 4-30 p.m. Oct. 4	Accompanied by another foreign gentleman, his wife and a lady whom they met on Szechuen Road.
Longkeu Park	5-20 to 7-40 p.m. Oct. 5	
Hall & Holtz, Ltd.	1-15 to 1-22 p.m. Oct. 1	
Brandt & Rodgers, Architects & Land Agents, 131 Szechuen Road.	2-10 to 2-35 p.m. Oct. 2	He inspected a house being built at the corner of Szechuen & Hongkong Roads where he came out on both occasions.
	2-05 to 2-25 p.m. Oct. 2	

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<u>Place.</u>	<u>Time and Duration of Visits.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Hongkew Book Store, 1843 N. Szechuen Rd.	8-55 to 9-10 p.m. Oct. 2	Foreign books and newspapers are sold at this store.
22 C. Range Rd.	8-20 to 9-27 p.m. Oct. 3	This is a boarding house kept by Mrs. W. Krell.
W. Dunn & Co. 133a Szechuen	21-2-45 to 2-55 p.m. Oct. 3	
Kalee Hotel	7-35 to 8-05 p.m. Oct. 3	
Barber shop	5-40 to 6-15 p.m. Oct. 4	
Wing On Banking Road.	4 to 5-30 p.m. Oct. 4	
Race Course	2-45 to 3-50 p.m. Oct. 4.	

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CENTRAL POLICE

Station.

7th Oct.

1919

REPORT ON Watch on James E.K. Tobinsson.

Made by D.S.I. Givens

Forwarded by *office of* Chief Detective Officer.

Sir,

In pursuance of the instructions of the Commissioner of Police, I informed the Consul General for Russia on 7th instant of the result of the watch on Tobinsson. Mr. Grosse said that the watch could now be withdrawn, but he would like to have a copy of the report on Tobinsson's movements while he was under surveillance.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

J.H. Givens

D.S.I.

C.D.O.

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CENTRAL POLICE Station.

6th October 1919.

REPORT ON Watch on James E. K. Tobinsson.

Made by D. S. I. Givens.

Forwarded by *Chief* of Chief Detective Officer.

Sir,

In accordance with instructions James E. Kraenotchokoff - Tobinsson (No. 1 Young Allen Terrace) has been kept under close surveillance since 29th Sept. 1919. He works for Thomas W. Simmons & Co., Inc., No. 10 The Bund, and attends there daily during office hours. Since the watch started, he has visited the following places:-

<u>Place visited</u>	<u>Time & duration of visits</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
18 Whangpoo Rd.	5.30 to 5.40 p.m. Sept.30	18 Whangpoo Road
U.S. Post Offices.	8.50 to 8.55 a.m. Oct.1st	is the U.S. Post
	5.30 to 5.30 p.m. Oct. 1st	Office, where
	* 8 to 8.30 p.m. Oct. 1st	James E.K.Tobin-
	12.40 to 12.50 p.m. Oct.2nd	son rents Box
	6.06 to 6.10 p.m. Oct.2nd	Box No. 695.
	7.08 to 7.15 p.m. Oct.2nd	
	12.43 to 12.55 p.m. Oct.3rd	* He was accompanied
	6.20 to 6.25 p.m. Oct.4th.	by his wife.
Public Garden.	8.50 to 10.50 p.m. Oct.1st	He was accompani-
	9.20 to 10.30 p.m. Oct.2nd	ed by his wife on
		both occasions.
Quinsan Gardens.	3.25 to 4.30 p.m. Oct.4th	
Hongkew Park	5.20 to 7.40 p.m. Oct.5th	He was accompani-
		ed by another for-
		eign gentleman his
		wife and a lady
		whom they met on
		N.Szechuen Rd.
Hall & Holtz	1.15 to 1.22 p.m. Oct.1st	
Brandt & Rodgers	2.10 to 2.35 p.m. Oct.2nd	He inspected a
Architects & Land	2.05 to 2.25 p.m. Oct.3rd	house in course of
Agents, 131 Sze-		erection at the
chuen Road.		corner of Szechuen
		& Hongkong Rds when
		he came out on both occa-

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<u>Place visited</u>	<u>Time & duration of visit.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Hongkew Book Store, 1843 N. Szechuen Rd.	8.55 to 9.10 p.m. Oct. 2nd	Foreign newspapers, periodicals and books are sold at this store.
22 C Range Rd	8.20 to 9.27 p.m. Oct. 3rd	This is a boarding house kept by N. Krell.
Walter Dunn & CO 133a Szechuen Rd.	2.45 to 2.55 p.m. Oct. 3rd	
Kalee Hotel barber shop.	7.35 to 8.05 p.m. Oct. 3rd 5.40 to 6.15 p.m. Oct. 4th.	
Wing On Co. Nanking Rd.	4 to 5.30 p.m. Oct. 4th.	
Race Course.	2.05 to 3.50 p.m. Oct. 4th.	

In view of the fact that Tobinsson's movements are not suspicious, I beg to apply for instructions as to whether it will be necessary to continue to watch him or not.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. J. Liens

D. S. I.

C. D. O.

Российское
ГЕНЕРАЛЬНОЕ КОНСУЛЬСТВО
в Шанхае

25 Aug 1919

No. [redacted]

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H. H. H. H.
Confidential .

To the Commissioner of Police .

Sir ,

In continuation of my letter of September 1st sub
N 2350 regarding Mr. James E. Krasnotchokoff-Tobinson ,
NI Young Allen Terrace , I have the honour to inform you
that he and his wife were deported from Japan for propa-
ganda of bolshevism. I may add that Krasnotchokoff-Tobinson
is the brother of the well known bolshevik at Habarovsk,
Abraham Krasnotchokoff-Tobison .

Pending the arrival of further instructions from my Go-
vernment , I beg to request that you will kindly institute
a careful watch over the movements of the abovenamed per-
sons .

I have the honour to be ,
sir ,

Your obedient servant

V. Groves
Consul General for Russia

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Passed to D.S. J. Stevens

J.B.

for Chief Detective Officer.

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September 28,

The Consul-General for Russia,
Shanghai.

Sir,

Confidential.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your confidential letter No. 202 of September 23, 1919, and to inform you that the matter referred to therein will receive the careful attention of the Police.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Commissioner of Police.

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September 3,

The Acting Consul-General for Russia,
Shanghai.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 2379 of September 1,
I have the honour to inform you that James E. Tobinsson
was interviewed by a police representative at No. 1
Young Allen Terrace on September 2. He claims
Russian nationality, and was warned to register at
the Russian Consulate as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Commissioner of Police.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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CENTRAL POLICE Station.

2nd September 1919.

REPORT ON James E. Tobinsson.

Made by D. S. I. Sullivan.

Forwarded by

Chief Detective Officer

Sir,

James E. Tobinsson was seen by a Police representative at
1 Young Allen Terrace on the 2nd inst.

He claims Russian nationality and was warned to register at
the Russian Consulate as soon as possible.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Sullivan
D. S. I.

C. D. O.

Российское
ГЕНЕРАЛЬНОЕ КОНСУЛЬСТВО

Въ Шанхае

1-st September 19--

To the Captain Superintendent of Police.-
Shanghai Municipal Council,
S h a n g h a i . -

Sir:-

I have the honour to request your good offices in ascertaining whether Mr. Tobinsson who was recently deported from Japan claims Russian Citizenship. He is said to reside in Mrs. Krell's Boarding House, 1, Young Allen Terrace. In the affirmative Mr. Tobinsson has to appear before the Consulate General for the purpose of registration.-

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

N. Ivanov

Acting Consul General for Russia.-

С. Д. Д.
For signature please
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at 11
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No. 2674
Date 4-9-19



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT,

Shanghai, August 22nd 1919.

Sir,

The Japanese Consulate has no further particulars from official sources but saw in the Jiji Shimbun of August ^{6th} an account of Tobinson and his wife which was something similar to that appearing in the Foreign newspapers.

The Consulate will, however, communicate with the Russian Consul informing him of the circumstances under which Tobinson was deported from Japan and this may cause action to be taken in the shape of passing him on from Shanghai to Vladivostock.

The Japanese Consulate will also communicate with its Home Government requesting it in future to refrain from passing Russians on to Shanghai but to divert them to Vladivostock instead where they can be dealt with better than in Shanghai.

Your obedient servant,

William Cunningham

i/o C.I.D.

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Commissioner of Police.

Form 52
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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Shanghai, 21 8 1929

To: C. P. O.

Enquire at Japanese
Consulate as to whether
they have come further
information regarding
Tobacco -
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19 JAPAN ADVERTISER, TOKYO.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1919

**Bolshevik Agent Deported
By the Yokohama Police**

Acting under instructions from the Home Office, the chief of police in Yokohama summoned to his office yesterday morning James E. Tobin-son, a Russian subject, and ordered him deported on a charge of spread- ing Bolshevik propaganda in Japan. Tobin-son and his wife came to this country from the United States last September and were stopping at the Hotel Maisonneuve, 66 Yamashita-cho, Yokohama. They made a trip of several months duration to Siberia early this year. Tobin-son is charged with having received a large sum of money from the Bolsheviks head- quarters and sufficient evidence in- cluding letters and documents con- firming their actions are said to be held by the police. Tobin-son is also charged with having been engaged in spreading Bolshevik propaganda for several years in Chicago prior to coming to this country last fall. He and his wife sailed for Shanghai yesterday afternoon.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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CENTRAL POLICE Station.

13th August 1919

REPORT ON James E. Tobinsson.

Made by D. S. I. Sullivan.

Forwarded by

Chief Detective Officer.

Sir,

The attached cutting is taken from the "Shanghai Times" of August 12th 1919

EXPULSION OF A BOLSHEVIK

Undesirables For Shanghai

According to the Osaka Mainichi a certain James E. Tobinsson (?) and his wife, who have been staying at a hotel in Yamashita-cho, Yokohama, have been expelled from Japan. The Minister for Home Affairs states that they have been engaged in spreading Bolshevik ideas in Japan, thus disturbing peace and order. They left Yokohama for Shanghai by the Nanking Maru under police supervision. It is stated that the man is a younger brother of one of the Bolshevik leaders, and came to Japan from Vladivostock in May last. Since they arrived in Yokohama they have been propagating Bolshevik ideas under the pretext of teaching English to Russian residents and have also exchanged secret letters with the Bolshevik Government.

Mr and Mrs James E. Tobinsson arrived in Shanghai on the 9th inst. from Japan on the China Mail Steamship Co's S.S. "Nanking" and are now staying at No. 1 Young Allen Terrace, a boarding house kept by a Russian lady named Mrs Krell, where Tobinsson has signed the register as of Hebrew nationality and by profession a civil engineer.

Tobinsson was taken to Mrs Krell's house by Klassing, who is a friend of Semeshko, Rodoroff etc., so that Tobinsson is possibly one of that party.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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Klassing is now staying at 58 Avenue Road. Previous references to him will be found in attached reports.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Sullivan.
D. S. I.

Chief Detective Officer.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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CENTRAL POLICE Station.

18th April, 1919.

REPORT ON Semeshko and Hodoroff.

Made by D.S. Sullivan.

Forwarded by Chief Detective Officer

Sir,

The names and present addresses of the four persons mentioned in the telegram from General Blair which I handed to Makaroff, on instructions from the A.S.P.(S) on the 9th inst.

are Semeshko, 48 Broadway Terrace
Hodoroff 23a North Szechuen Road
Klassing & wife 12 Quinsan Gardens
Tolstoff, Col. 23 North Szechuen Road.

The above five persons arrived in Shanghai on the s.s. "Penza" on the 9th inst. Semeshko and Hodoroff did not deposit their passports at the Russian Consulate in accordance with the usual rule as they said they were going away, the former to Hankow, and the latter to Tsingtau, but they are still in Shanghai.

In addition to Tolstoff and Hodoroff, there is a man named Miransky staying at 23a North Szechuen Road. He is said to have been formerly connected with a Vladivostock newspaper which was suppressed. There is a rumour that he deposited 100,000 roubles in the Russian Post Office but no confirmation of this can be obtained. The attached advertisement is taken from the "North China Daily News" of the 16th inst. and appears to show that Miransky has altered his plans suddenly.

FOR SALE, 1st Class Ticket
Shanghai-Odesa by S.S.
Mylie leaving the 16th instant.
Apply Miransky, No. 23 North
Szechuen Road. 3241

From enquiries made at 23a North Szechuen Road it has been ascertained that Hodoroff and Miransky give their professions

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as lawyers, and Tolstoff as a "Colonel." They are said to be busily engaged in writing, and receiving and visiting guests, and generally to have their time very much occupied.

Among their visitors are Dr. Berzin, a Russian doctor who lives at 45 Boone Road, Klassing, Semeshko, F. Gurtovey and Mr. & Mrs. Roehlin, who arrived in Shanghai from Vladivostock on the 1st inst. and who now occupy room No. 41 at the Kalee Hotel, and Mr. Richtermann, who is staying with his family at the Continental Hotel, Szechuen Road, and who is said to have been Chief of Police at Irkutsk. The attached ^{of the 4th inst.} ~~advertisement is taken~~ from the "Shanghai Gazette" and probably refers to Richtermann.

Chapei Police Are Over Curious

After he had stepped on the platform from a train at the North Station last night at nine o'clock, the Inspector of Police from Erkutsk was accosted by Chapei police and asked for his passport and other identification. According to the story the police did not understand him and without proceeding to make proper inquiry, treated him roughly. Accompanied by his family, the Inspector of Police, proceeded to various hotels in an effort to find lodging followed by the police. He lodged a complaint with the Russian Consulate this morning against the action of the Chapei police.

Concerning the large sum of money that Semeshko and Hodoroff are said to have brought to Shanghai there is no way at present of confirming the rumour. Semeshko is living in very poor lodgings and as far as can be ascertained lives very frugally and there is nothing to show that he possesses much wealth. Hodoroff seems to be fairly well off, lives in a better house and dresses well, but he also lives quietly.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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Made by

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Agarieff, a former Mayor of Vladivostock, who is now living at 170 Bubbling Well Road is also a friend of the group.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Sullivan.

Detective Sergeant.

Chief Detective Officer.

*C.D.O. :
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Copy Asst!

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From Vice Consul Cave, Vladivostok

To H.M. Consul General, Shanghai.

Despatched April 14, 1919.

Received Shanghai, April 15, 1919.

Following from General Blair for Hiltten-Johnson
and Makaroff from Captain Javrida:-

We have information that when Semeshko and
Hedereff sailed for Shanghai they took with them
several millions of Russian money.

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

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CENTRAL POLICE

Station.

22nd March,

1919.

REPORT ON Information re Bolshevist Convention in Shanghai.

Made by D. S. I. Givens.

Forwarded by Chief Detective Officer.

Sir,

Despite careful inquiries, no confirmation has so far been received of the information that Bolsheviki will start a convention in Shanghai to-day. Steps are being taken to keep a check on Russians of unknown antecedents, as it is thought that some of them have Bolshevist sympathies.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. Givens

Detective Sub-Inspector.

Chief Detective Officer.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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March 20, th

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REPORT ON Rumours of Bolshevik meeting.

Made by D. I. Cruickshank

Forwarded by

Sir,

I beg most respectfully to report, that, I have made enquiry re the alleged movement of Bolsheviks, but cannot find the least signs to justify such rumours. Unquestionably there are Bolsheviks in Shanghai, but I cannot find any person, who has known any one to declare himself such, unless sailors from the Russian merchants ships, who I am informed, many declare openly to believe in Bolshevism.

Amongst passengers arriving from America, there are always a certain per cent of them of Russian extract, but whatever their sympathies are. They would not be likely to declare openly. I believe there may be an attempt to spread Bolshevik propaganda, but most likely such will come from Chinese Agents. I am informed there are many such persons in Harbin and vicinity.

I may also point out, that, the Revolutionist Chinese have little to learn regarding Bolshevism. For we have been subjected to nothing else for many years, but Bolshevism in the way of armed robberies and bomb outrages.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

James Cruickshank
Detective Inspector.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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20th March, 1919.

REPORT ON Bolshevist Activities in Shanghai and Licensing of Boarding-Houses.

Chief Detective Officer.

Made by *J. Givens* Forwarded by

Sir,

There seems to be some ground for the reports that the Bolsheviks intend to make Shanghai a centre for their propaganda. To check their activities, the police will need to be informed on the movements and doings of Russians, whose antecedents are unknown, and their friends. It is very hard to obtain this information in the absence of any regulations governing boarding-houses. As a temporary measure, I beg to suggest that the Russian Consul be requested to empower the Police to visit all Russian boarding houses, as often as they think fit, for the purpose of interrogating and obtaining full information about their guests.

As the suppression of Bolshevicism is something in which all nations are interested, and as it is necessary to have boarding houses in Shanghai under police control so that the S. M. P. can effectively assist in this work, I respectfully take the liberty of again directing your attention to the necessity of licensing these establishments.

The attached is a list of Russian boarding houses, information about whose guests would appear desirable from a police point of view. The list, which has been hurriedly compiled, does not purport to be complete.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Givens

Detective Sub-Inspector.

Chief Detective Officer.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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20th March, 1919.

REPORT ON Bolshevist Activities in Shanghai.

Made by D.S.I. Givens.

Forwarded by

Chief Det. *[Signature]*

Sir,

There is reason to believe that sailors on boats belonging to the Russian Volunteer Fleet are in the habit of bringing letters from Bolshevists in Vladivostock to Russians in Shanghai of ^{the} same political brand. A careful search of the sailors' quarters on these boats may unearth correspondence which would throw some light on Bolshevist activities in Shanghai. A poem in pamphlet form, a translation of an extract from which is attached, was obtained from one of these sailors.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Detective Sub-Inspector.

Chief Detective Officer.

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Translation of an Extract from a small ^{poetical} ~~political~~ pamphlet by famous Anarchist-Bolshevik Poet Yaroslafsky:

"Gigolons of war are burning America, and under the influence of the war, European commerce and prosperity have dwindled away, Asia has become a cemetery and the whole world, thanks to the war, is in a state of chaos. The blood ~~that~~ thirstiness of English and American capitalists has spread all over the world. The blood shed is that of the poorer classes. The chaotic situation has, however, created the present social reformation and changes in economics. The blood shed has made easy the work of the reformers who proclaim the equality of mankind with the red banner of revolution in their hands. Capitalists will be non-existent in the new age. The revolutionaries of to-day in Russia will see that capital shall not be concentrated in certain hands, but that everyone shall have his share. Changes coming ^{from} day to day are sapping away the power of the old capitalistic rulers of the world."

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Major Hilton-Johnson

From Vladivostok

To H.M. Consul General, Shanghai.

Despatched March 19, 1919. Received Shanghai March 20.

Following for Major Hilton-Johnson from General Blair,-

1. Information has been received from Russian sources to the effect that a Bolsheviks conference is to be held in Shanghai about the end of March. Four delegates from Omsk are reported to be now on their way to Shanghai, while four delegates from the Maritime Provinces and possibly other Russian delegates are to meet Japanese and local Shanghai delegates. There will also probably be several from the United States. Further information is expected.
2. The Bolsheviks are reported to be sending agitators with large sums of money to China and the Far East.
3. With reference to Para. 1, it is reliably reported from an American source that the conference at Shanghai is fixed for the 22nd March, that delegates from Soviet Russia are already there, that 20 are going from Siberia, of whom four are from Vladivostok, and that the business is, firstly, the organisation of an armed rising in Siberia, secondly, Bolshevik propaganda in China, Japan, and the United States, and lastly, the formation of a direct liaison with the Bolsheviks in Germany and Poland.

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The American representatives in Shanghai, Peking,
Tokio and Washington have been informed.

Addressed to Major Hilton-Johnson and repeated
to Director of Military Intelligence.

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The following is a copy of a telegram from the
Waichiaopu to the Military Governor of Sungkiang
and Shanghai:-

The Bolshiviks will hold a meeting in
Shanghai on the 22nd instant and the leaders of
the Bolshiviks of Moscow and Siberia will attend
the meeting. The subjects for discussion will
be:-

- (1) Ways and means to create disturbances
in Siberia in the Spring of this year.
- (2) The adoption of active measures in
China, Japan, Europe and America.
- (3) To establish liaison with the extremists
of Germany and Poland.

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Major Hilton Johnson.

Following is an abstract from a **VERY CONFIDENTIAL** TELEGRAM FROM H.M. Minister, Peking, dated March 18th:

The American Legation have received information that a joint convention of Bolsheviks is to be held at Shanghai on March 22nd for the purpose of discussing the following subjects :-

- 1.- The promotion of an armed rising by Bolsheviks in Siberia.
- 2.- The establishment of an organisation for dissemination of Bolshevik propaganda in Japan, China and the United States.
- 3.- The establishment of a liaison with Bolsheviks in Germany and Poland.

It is understood that the Russian members have already reached Shanghai and there are to be twenty of Siberian delegates some of whom are from Vladivostok.

H.M. Minister understands that an American officer fully conversant with the whole question is leaving for Shanghai to watch the movement and that he will get into touch with H.J.

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Major Hilton-Johnson.

From Vladivostok

To H.M. Consul General, Shanghai.

Despatched March 20, 1919. Received Shanghai, March 20, 1919.

From General Blair for Major H.J..

Our telegram of yesterday.

Lieutenant Martinek, American representative and known to us has been ordered to go to Shanghai from Peking in connexion with this matter.

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AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

Shanghai, China. March 19, 1919.

CONFIDENTIAL.

K. J. McKuen, Esquire,
Captain-Superintendent of Police,
27 Foochow Road,
Shanghai, China.

Sir:

I have to advise you, confidentially, that I have received, through the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, what is stated to be, creditable information in the sense that a Bolshevik Convention is now planned to be held in Shanghai on the 22nd instant, that the Russian members are already in Shanghai, and that 20 Siberian members from Vladivostok are coming here, for the discussion of:

- (1) The promotion of the armed uprising of Bolsheviks in Siberia;
- (2) The organization of Bolshevism in China, Japan, and the United States; and
- (3) The establishment of liaison with Bolsheviks in Germany and Poland.

Very respectfully yours,

Thomas Horn
American Consul General.

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The Consul-General for Russia,
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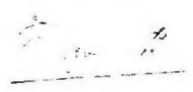
Sir, Confidential.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 41 of March 18 regarding the expected arrival in Shanghai of Bolshevik Agents from the United States, and to inform you that the matter will receive the attention of the Police.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



For the Police

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19th March 1919

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To the Captain Superintendent of Police

SHANGHAI

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that confidential reports have reached me to the effect that Bolshevik Agents are expected to arrive here shortly from the United States en route to Russia. The Russian Authorities in Siberia and also the Russian Legation in Peking wish me to take adequate steps with a view of watching carefully the movements of suspected persons in Shanghai.

Bringing the above to your knowledge, I trust that you will order the Shanghai Municipal Police to assist me in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

K. J. McKuen
Consul General for Russia.

K. J. McKuen, Esq.

Captain Superintendent of Police

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